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NOTIFICATION OF LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO
SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2))
and

NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S)
AS A SMALL ENTITY (37 C.F.R. § 1.28(c))

Sir:

Applicant hereby notifies the Patent and Trademark office that effective January 1, 2009, it is no longer entitled to status as a small entity and that the claim for small entity status is hereby withdrawn. Applicant hereby requests the Commissioner to remove the status of small entity from the instant patent.

It has now been discovered that the maintenance fee paid on July 6, 2009, was erroneously paid as a small entity.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the deficiencies owed and any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account 06-1130 maintained by Applicant's Attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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